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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), in duplicate;
2. Modified Form 1449/PTO (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copies of Cited References C14-17; and
4. Return Postcard.

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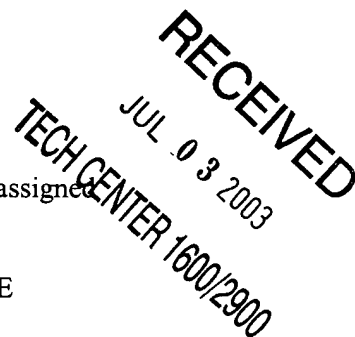
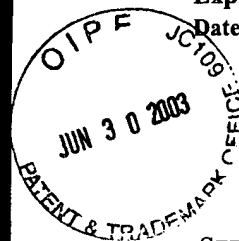
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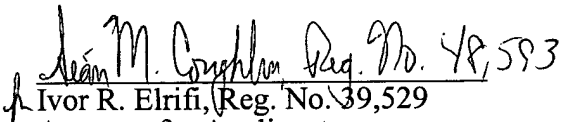
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